

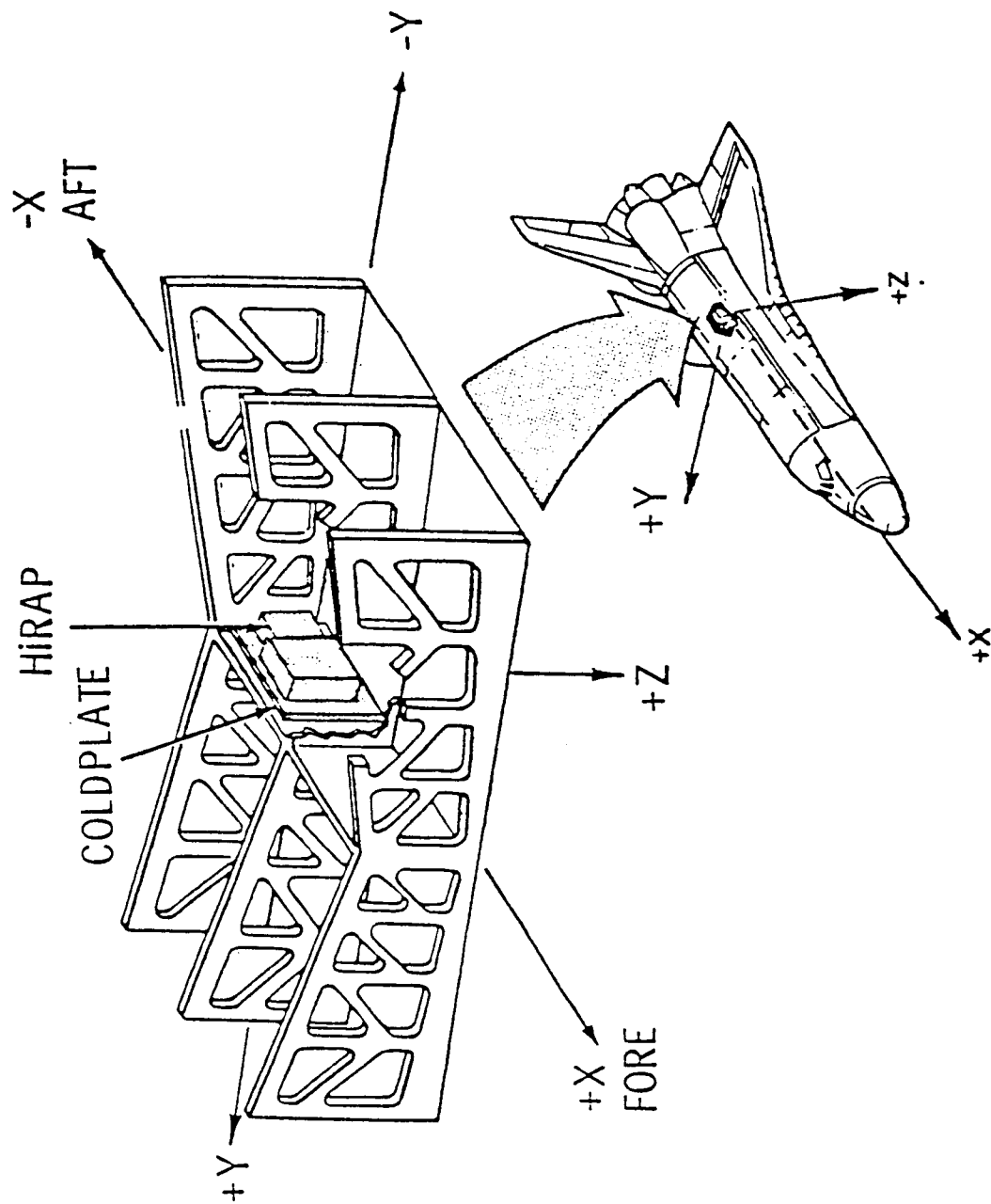
OVERVIEW OF SHUTTLE DATA  
ON DENSITY

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The HiRAP (High Resolution Accelerometer Package) used on the Shuttle was described and examples of flight-derived density-altitude profiles were compared to the 1976 Standard Atmosphere. By flying an accelerometer along with a mass spectrometer it is possible to obtain the drag coefficients for the Shuttle. However [Champion] problems may arise due to contamination in the near-shuttle environment.

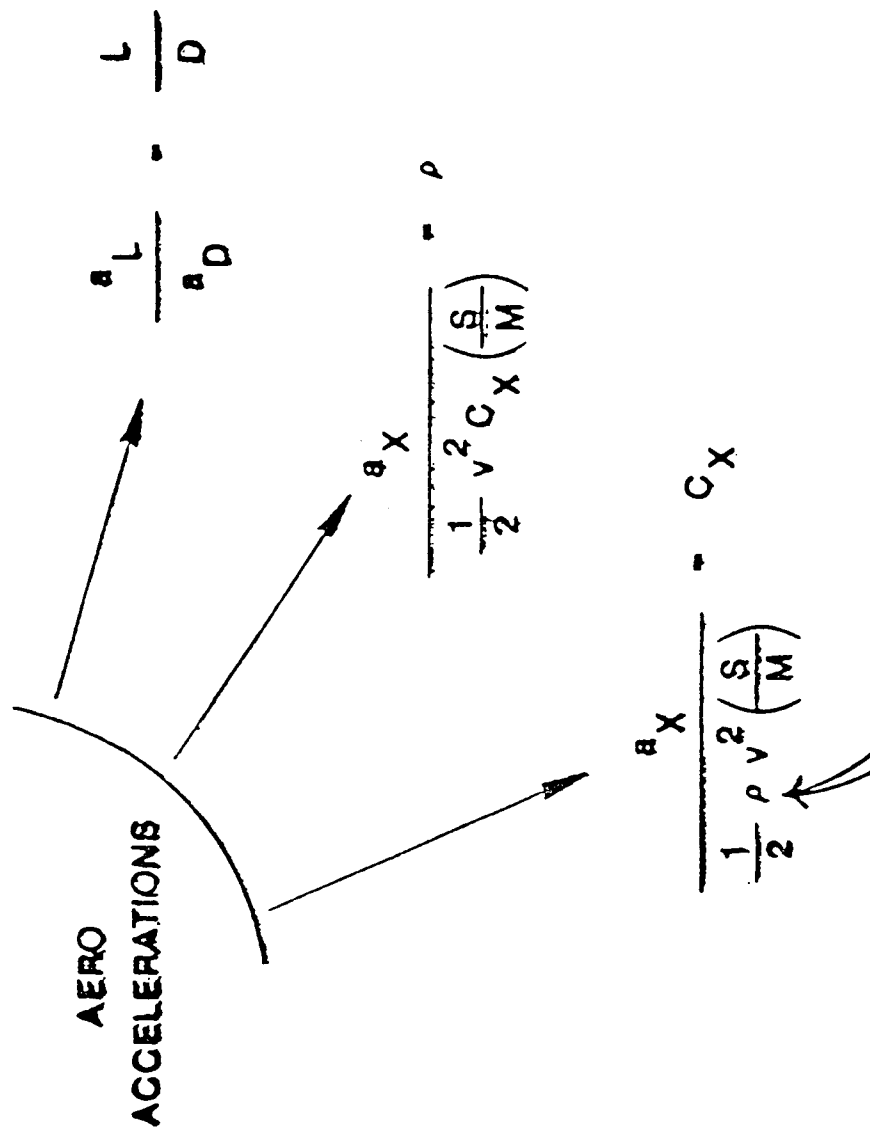
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# EXPERIMENT CONCEPTS



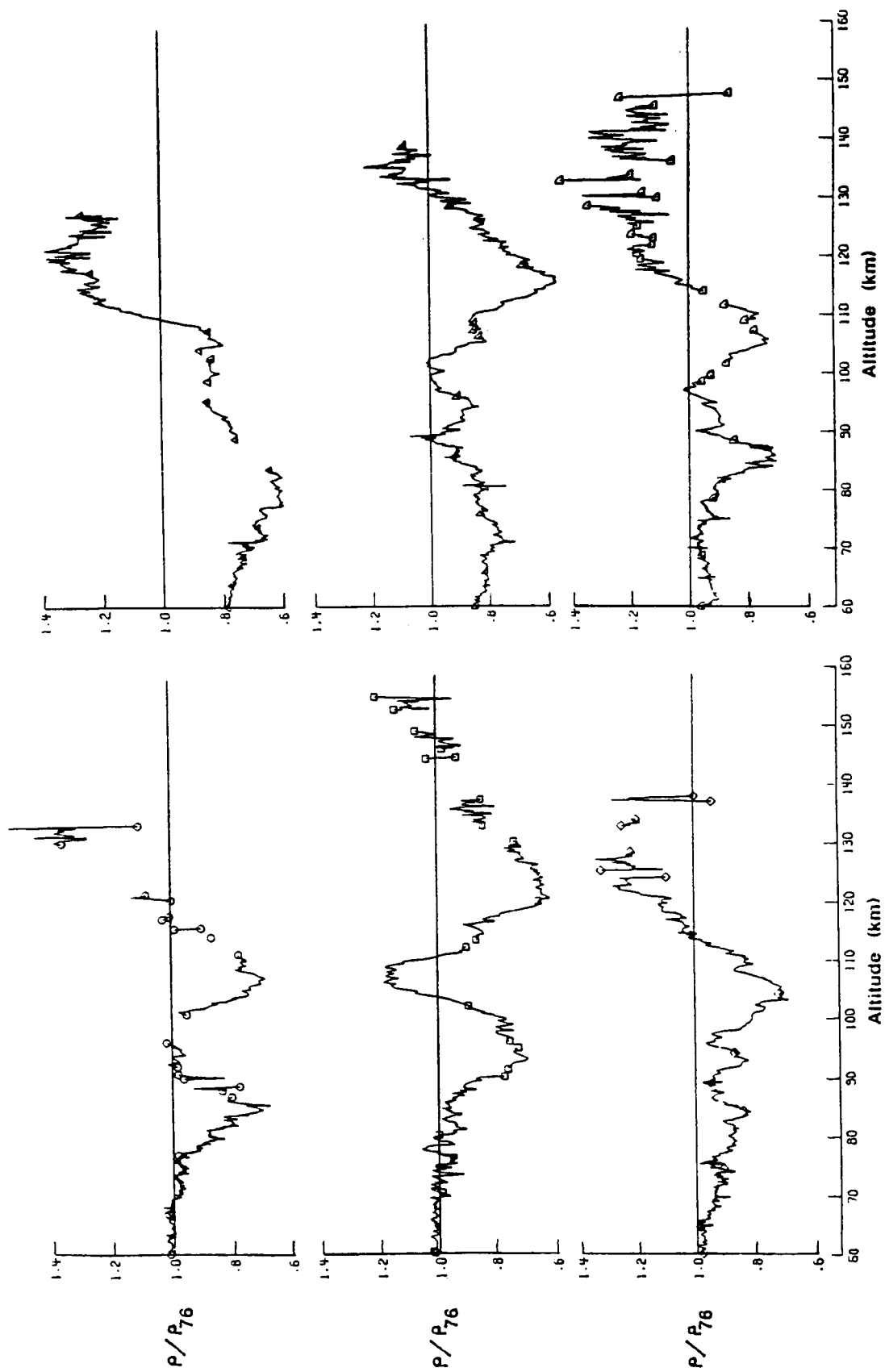
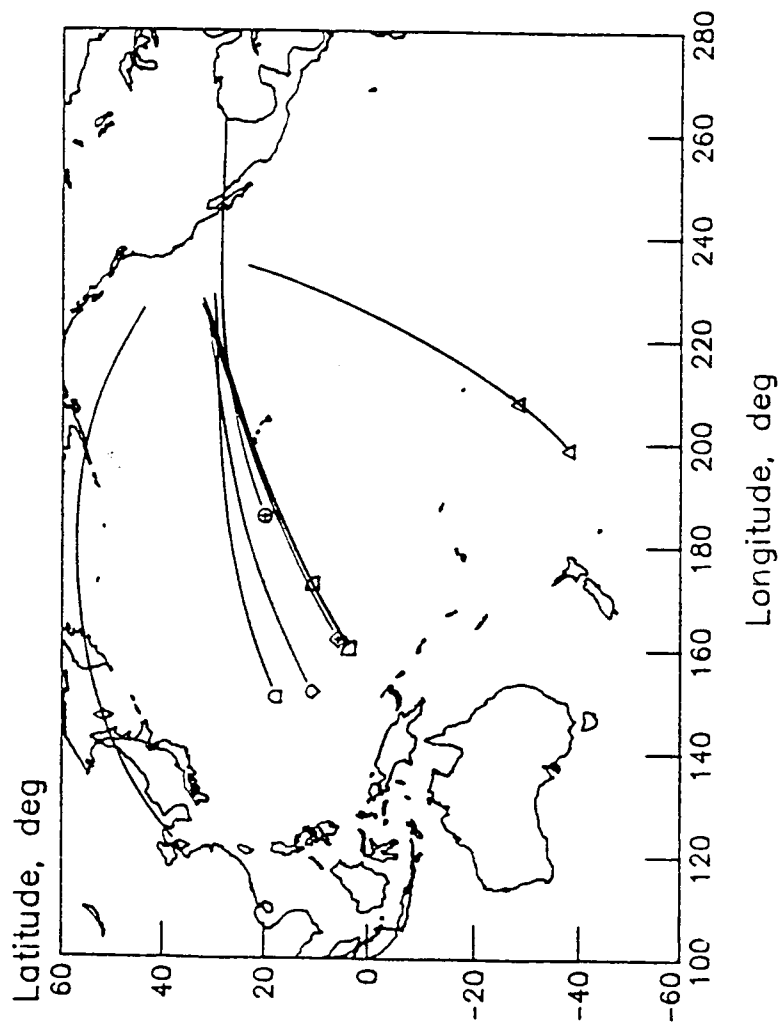
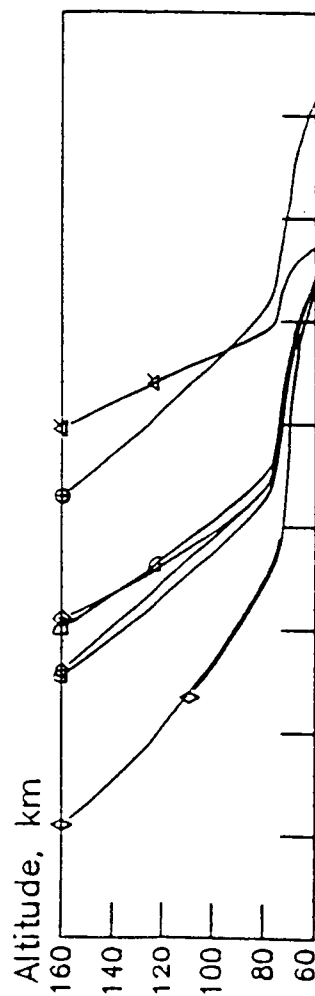


Fig. 12. - Flight derived density altitude profiles.



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